

The teachers at P.S. 234, the Independence School, which is located dangerously close to the crash site, had to evacuate 6- and 7-year old students during the most harrowing part of the disaster immediately after the second Trade Center tower collapsed and enveloped the school in a debris-filled cloud. Many of the children were screaming for parents who actually worked in the towers. As one teacher stepped into the street, a small child saw the burning bodies falling from the towers and cried out, "Look teacher, the birds are on fire!" Taking some students by the hand and carrying others on their shoulders, the teachers plunged through the rubble-strewn streets that were clogged with adults running for their lives. With their small charges in tow, they walked 40 minutes north to the nearest safe school in Greenwich Village. Some children whose parents could not come to get them by the close of the day went home with their teachers, and stayed with them until their mothers or fathers could be reached by phone.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the New York City Public City School community for their courage on September 11, and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing their efforts by becoming, a co-sponsor of House Resolution 325, which recognizes the courage and professionalism of the entire New York City Public Schools community during and after the attack on the World Trade Center on Tuesday, September 11th, 2001, as well as supporting Federal assistance to the school community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE
HONORABLE ANNETTE MORGAN,
FORMER MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Annette Morgan, whose death on December 18, 2001, is an immeasurable loss to our community, the State of Missouri, and our nation. Annette touched the lives of the people who knew her and the people she fought for as a State Representative in the Missouri General Assembly. A stalwart champion of the education needs of our children, she has left an indelible mark on countless lives. The school communities of Missouri have Annette Morgan to thank for many of the pioneering reforms established during her tenure as a State Representative and during her career as a champion for quality education.

Throughout her career, Annette Morgan was a dedicated public servant, committed to our community and dedicated to our children. A lifelong resident of the state of Missouri, Annette Morgan grew up in Kennett. She earned degrees at the University of Missouri-Columbia and the University of Missouri-Kansas City in social work and adult and continuing education. Annette pursued a teaching career that began in the Bootheel, helping migrant workers. She later taught at William Chrisman High School in Independence and was coordinator

of adult and continuing education at Avila College.

Annette and I shared many memorable moments when we served together in the General Assembly for 14 years. We enjoyed cherished morning walks that allowed us to reflect upon the issues of the day and of our lives. Our commutes to Jefferson City by Amtrak and auto provided us the opportunity to devise successful strategies for legislative challenges and delight in the victories these strategies achieved. Our apartment afforded late night gatherings of women members of the House and Senate that strengthened our resolve and enabled us to forge lasting bonds.

Politics and government ran in Morgan's blood. Her father, John Noble, was a 16-year state senator from Kennett in the Bootheel. Her grandfather, John Bradley, served on the Missouri Supreme Court. And her mother, Alletha Noble, was a lawyer and a teacher. Because of her heartfelt interest in serving our community and state, Annette Morgan was elected to the Missouri State Legislature in 1980 and served in the House for 16 years. She earned the Chairmanship of the Missouri House Education Committee in 1985, and it was in this capacity that she embraced the task of shaping major education reform that would improve school policy in Missouri. She advocated for education policies that set high academic standards for elementary and secondary students, and she fought to give each local school district the same opportunity for state funds. Serving as both a commissioner on the Education Commission of the States and a member of its steering committee, Annette Morgan was able to affect education policy on a national scale and use this expertise to benefit education in Missouri. She went on to serve as Co-chair of the Missouri Commission on the Future of Teaching and as a Member of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future, and was a leader in key education reform legislation in Missouri, including the Excellence in Education Act in 1985 and the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993. The Outstanding Schools Act contained lasting school reform to improve the state's formula for distributing money to schools and increase funding. The major education reforms to schools during the 1985-1995 decade are a credit to her persistence and unwavering commitment to the cause she loved. A former public school teacher and dedicated education advocate, she was the recipient of many honors and awards as her abilities as a leader, educator, legislator, and outstanding citizen were recognized by numerous groups. She was recently named to the Jackson County Honor Role, honoring the top 175 Jackson Countians in celebration of the county's 175th anniversary. Annette's legislative victories were not limited to education. She initiated legislation that authorized the first 24-hour skilled nursing facility in the Midwest for HIV-AIDS patients.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing sympathy to her loving family; her son John Allen Morgan, daughter-in-law Veronica; daughter Katherine Morgan Campbell, son-in-law David, granddaughter Alexis Morgan Campbell; and loving friend William P. Mackle. Her love of family and friends will be forever remembered. She will live on in all those whose lives she touched.

RECOGNIZING TOP GEORGIA HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret football is a second religion to the people of the south, especially those that call Georgia their home. The sport dominates casual conversation at least six months out of the year; it rules households and weekends, determines anniversaries and the scheduling of political events, and occasionally instigates arguments ranging from "just what is the problem with the University of Georgia or the Georgia Tech offense," to "are you listening to me?" The traditions that are Sanford Stadium, Bobby Dodd Field, and the Georgia Dome have come to be a part of Georgia culture, yet the hype that surrounds this spectacular sport starts much sooner than the day the college boys strap on their pads and take to the field.

High School football in Georgia has been taken to a whole new level of competition in recent years with technique, strategy, and talent surpassing the highest of expectations. Athletics have become an integral element in educational programs for our youth; teaching teamwork, responsibility, pride, and discipline.

I am proud to say that in Georgia's 7th District, at least six high school football programs are to be congratulated on their outstanding success this year. Paulding County and Troup High Schools made it to the final four in the AAAA Division, while Cartersville High School represented the district in AA competition. Cedartown and LaGrange made the final four in AAA, and will continue on to play each other for the state title, along with Bowdon which will play Gwinnett County's Buford High School for the A state championship. In addition to Buford, I would like to highlight Collins Hill for its accomplishments in the AAAAA division, and congratulate the Parkview Panthers on the team's fourth trip to the state championship game in seven years.

The spirit and camaraderie of high school athletics cannot be taught in a classroom, but the lessons learned on the field will shadow their counterparts for a lifetime. I congratulate each team for their perseverance and dedication, and thank the people who supported them along the way.

HONORING CARL WARE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Carl Ware. For almost a third of a century, he has been a leader in the drive for responsible corporate citizenship. He has been an international leader, and an ambassador of goodwill not only for Coca-Cola, but for the entire country.

Mr. Ware joined Coca-Cola twenty-seven years ago and since that time, he has represented the best in American business. He